

Re: Alghabra/Cohen call

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Thanks. Interesting on EVs

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Hi Minister,

Min Alghabra spoke to Amb Cohen today. Below readout was shared with us.

Meeting between Minister Alghabra and U.S. Ambassador Cohen (Videoconference) February 15, 2022 – 4PM

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Minister Alghabra and Ambassador Cohen started off the meeting by wishing it could be held in person. The Ambassador thanked the Minister and the Canadian government for their efforts in addressing the blockades and to get the major crossings open, including the Ambassador bridge. He recognized that Canada-US relations are very aligned and we have been able to have strong communications, and collaboration on the recent blockade matters. Ambassador took the opportunity to inquire about the situation in Coutts, AB and Emerson, MB.

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In turn, the Minister agreed that both countries worked collaboratively over the past days and referred to his exchanges with Secretary Buttigieg. He shared his satisfaction of seeing the Ambassador Bridge reopen, and noted that progress is being made at other crossings. He clarified that the Coutts crossing was cleared last night and reopened at 1PM today. As for Emerson, based on his latest update, there was optimism despite the crossing not yet being opened. The Ambassador recognized the good police work regarding the Coutts situation and was relieved that violence was avoided.

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The Ambassador then turn to the topic of supply chains, pointing to the recent Supply Chain Summit and inquired about the Minister's plans going forward. The Minister noted his ongoing engagement efforts at the regional and sectoral level and the naming of key individuals to a task force, who will make recommendations, based on their expertise, to the government by the Spring/Summer. s.39

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He also pointed to the commitment he made with Secretary Buttigieg in Glasgow to stay connected on Supply Chain matters. The Ambassador was indeed struck by the efforts on both sides of the border and encouraged collaboration, including in the Canada-US working group on supply chains. They agreed to continue to exchange views on the topic.

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Finally, the Minister inquired about the health and safety of the US Embassy staff amidst the Trucker Convoy in downtown Ottawa and offered his support to the Ambassador and his staff.

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